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Kootenai National Forest

A Tree For The Nation's Capitol

by Jeanne Spooner, Public Affairs Specialist

On December 13, 1989, the Capitol Christmas Tree, a 61-foot Engelmann spruce from the Kootenai National Forest, was lit on the west lawn of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

The lighting by Speaker of the House Thomas Foley, culminated an effort begun in 1987 when the Kootenai was selected to provide the Capitol Tree. The basis for selection was to honor Montana's Centennial year and the Christmas tree industry of Northwestern Montana.

Although the Capitol Christmas Tree is provided by a national forest each year, there are no federal funds involved. Forests that receive the honor must get funds for cutting, transportation and site erection through public participation and donations. Besides providing the Capitol Tree, the Forest also provides about 25 smaller trees for various offices and buildings in Washington, D.C., such as the Supreme Court, Secretary of Agriculture, Chief of the Forest Service, Senators, etc. The people in Lincoln and western Sanders counties were most helpful in getting donations, and providing trees and support to the Kootenai NF for this endeavor. The Custer NF provided trees for the Supreme Court and the Senate Private Dining Room in honor of North Dakota's centennial.



In Washington D.C. to witness the lighting of the Nation's Christmas tree are from left: John Mumma, regional forester, Dale Robertson, chief, George Leonard, associate chief, Jeanne Spooner, Kootenai NF public affairs officer, John Hughes, deputy regional forester, Beth Horn, R-1 director of information, Jim Overbay, deputy chief, and Susan Hess, W.O. director of public affairs.

Each year in June the Capitol architect, Paul Pincus, travels to the Forest which is to provide the Capitol Tree and selects his top choices from among several trees offered by that Forest.

The Kootenai became the center of media attention November 18 during the tree cutting ceremony near Libby when the selected tree broke as it fell. This "disaster" made headlines nationwide! A second selected tree, less than two miles away was then easily cut and transported to Washington, D.C.

Agreement Reached on the Yaak

Successful negotiations between an environmental group and the Forest Service has resulted in modification of an injunction to allow timber sales in the Upper Yaak area of the Kootenai NF.

The injunction was ordered May 1, 1988, as a result of a lawsuit filed by the Protect the Yaak Committee. The court ruled that the Forest Service had violated federal law by not giving sufficient consideration to the environmental consequences of its timber harvesting and road construction plans.

While the Forest was working on an FEIS for proposed harvesting in the area, Congress attempted to ease the timber supply crunch in the Yaak area with special legislation directing the harvest of lodgepole pine. The legislation also called for 60 days of negotiations aimed at producing an agreement on resuming timber harvest, pending com-

pletion of the FEIS.

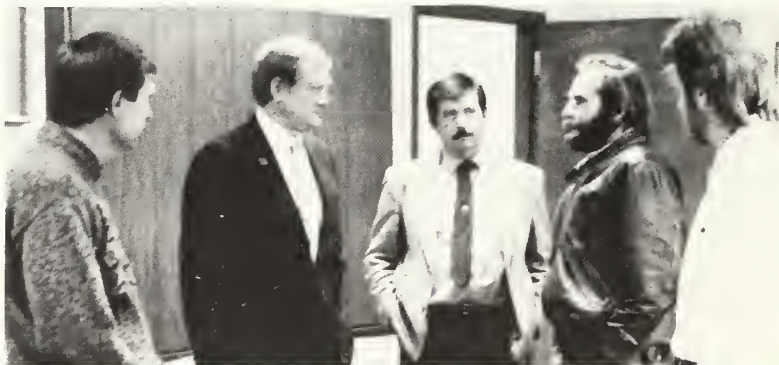
On December 21, just one day before the 60-day period of negotiations was to

million board feet of timber, allowing the harvest of lodgepole pine which is dead or threatened by the mountain pine beetle.

More than half of the 748 acres involved would be selectively harvested for lodgepole trees only; sales would comply with standards from the Kootenai NF Plan, and will not involve any new road construction.

Vance said, "The most important aspect of this agreement, from our viewpoint, is that we were able to provide a sales package that has the size diversity to meet the needs of small, local mills and contractors who are wholly de-

pendent on the Yaak for their timber supply." He said, "From an environmental perspective the most important part of the package is the lodgepole pine selective cutting, and a caribou habitat rehabilitation prescription being built into some of the sales."



Discussing the Yaak settlement agreement are, left to right: Director of PP&B Jim Hagemeyer, Regional Forester John Mumma, Deputy Regional Forester John Hughes, appellant Don Vance from the Protect the Yaak Committee, and Charles Sheroke, lawyer for the Committee.

end, an agreement was signed between Don Vance of the Protect the Yaak Committee and Kootenai NF Supervisor Jim Rathbun. The next day the Federal District Court for Montana modified the injunction.

The Forest Service will offer 12 timber sales with a total of approximately 15

Regional News

A New Look at Wilderness

The Forest Service is launching an impressive new program to provide greater emphasis to wilderness management throughout the Region. The program will begin with changes in the organizational approach at the Regional level, with each program area assuming additional responsibilities for the management of wilderness. This means that wilderness will be the concern of all program areas, rather than just recreation - a total Forest Service responsibility and commitment, giving wilderness management much more emphasis than it's had in the past.

"With more energy and resources focused on wilderness across the board," said Director of Recreation, Wilderness and Lands, John Drake, "we should be able, ultimately, to focus more energy and resources toward on-the-ground wilderness management and thus help Forests meet their Forest Plan objectives." "That's the real purpose of this effort," he said. "We need to recognize wilderness as an important resource and manage it as such."

"The entire Regional Leadership Team is involved in and supporting this effort," said Regional Forester John Mumma. All 12 directors on the RLT are members of a new "Wilderness Council,"

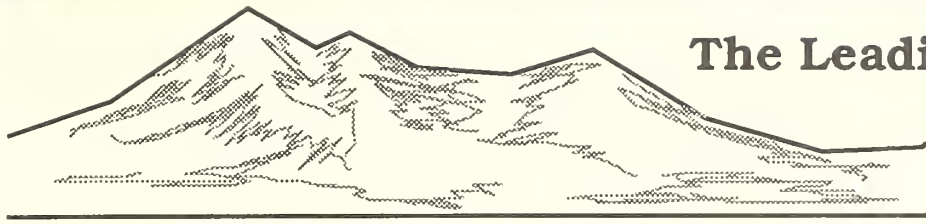
headed up by Deputy Regional Forester John Hughes.

"The attitude of wilderness 'taking care of itself' has prevailed too long," said Hughes. "There is a lot more that should be considered in wilderness management than we have done in the past. This effort is similar to the Recreation Initiative," he said. "It could be called the Region One Wilderness Initiative."

A coordinator will be assigned to work full-time on wilderness management for the Region, rather than only 25% as in the past. This person will work with the council, staff groups, Forests, and outside agencies and organizations.

"We will be working with each of the Forests on this," said Drake. "The council will set overall policy, develop a charter, and coordinate on a Regional basis, but we'll need help and input from each staff group and Forest as we move forward in this effort."

Watch for more details about this new emphasis on wilderness in coming issues of the NRN.



The Leading Edge

John Mumma
Regional
Forester



Chief Applauds The Northern Region

On December 6, 1989, the extra effort Region One has put into resolving appeals was recognized in an award signed by Chief Robertson, and presented to Randy Phillips, Regional Appeals Coordinator.

The award recognizes all of those in the Region who have worked to resolve appeals by stating that the Northern Region had done an outstanding effort at rendering appeal decision on new appeals filed, and in abolishing the backlog of appeals pending at the beginning of the year.

Representatives from the Flathead and Kootenai Forests, as well as appeal coordi-

nators from Regional Office staff units were also in attendance when the award was presented at the Appeals/NEPA Workshop in San Diego.

The Region processed more than 100 appeals in fiscal year 1989, including appeals settled at the Forest level. This represents a significant effort by both the Forests and the Regional Office to complete appeals in the time frame set forth by the new appeal regulations. The average time needed to complete appeals used to be 220 days; with the new regulations the average time is 120 days.

I am also pleased to see the outstanding effort taking place on many Forests to reach an understanding with our interested publics to prevent many appeals, and the efforts to reach negotiated settlements once an appeal is filed.

We are beginning to see a number of successes around the Region and I really appreciate your efforts.

Regional News

Native American Heritage Week Celebrated

by Kim Crowley, Student Intern, University of Montana

On November 30, 1989 Forest Service employees, Native American tribal members, students from Salish Kootenai College, representatives of Kicking Horse Job Corps, and others, joined together to celebrate Native American Heritage Week, at the Regional Office in Missoula.

Heritage Week is an annual event sponsored by the Forest Service to promote a better understanding of the unique relationship between the agency and Native Americans. The U.S. Government, through treaties and agreements, has a legal and ethical responsibility to American Indians and tribal lands.

John Hughes, deputy regional forester, explained that we need "to gain an understanding and appreciation of the culture, religion, beliefs, and practices of Native Americans. We consider these values to be an important part of the management of the national forests and a part of our mission."



Ira Jones, Regional Native American Program Director, addresses attendees at Native American Heritage Week.

Salish religious leader, Pat Pierre gave the opening prayer at the gathering and then asked the audience how many of them were born in the U.S. When Mr. Pierre saw everyone's hand raised he said, "Everyone of you then is a Native American." He went on to say that American Indians are a very unique and special group of Native Americans, and he stressed how important it is that everyone work together.

Henrietta Mann-Morton, a full-blood Cheyenne from Oklahoma, talked of the importance of diversity in our culture. "We belong to Grandmother Earth, we are one with her and each of us is unique and very important. Each of us has a purpose. That is where we get our cultural diversity."

Other activities of the day included a round dance with the Pistol Creek drummers and singers, Indian tacos for lunch, and a panel of speakers moderated by Ira Jones, Regional Native American Program Director.

Some Forest Service Christmas Projects

Helena National Forest

For the past five years, Helena NF supervisor's office employees have conducted "Project Santa Claus" as a way of helping others during the holiday season. The project has grown over the years. The first year one needy family was adopted and provided with food, clothing and toys for Christmas. This year the employees adopted 15 children who are patients at Shodair Children's Hospital; a physically challenged, elderly lady with no family; and a lady with two teenage sons and two nephews.

Money and goods were gathered from direct donations and by raising money recycling aluminum cans, holding a chili feed and auctioning hand-crafted items.

Especially grateful were the children at Shodair Children's Hospital, who are children who have been abused in some way, many having no reason to believe in Santa. Those employees who had the privilege of playing Santa and his elves for these children received as much happiness as the children.

Trapper Creek Job Corps Center

Spreading the Christmas spirit by caroling has become a tradition with Trapper Creek Job Corps Center. For the 19th year in a row, these students have visited the Regional Office, Lolo NF supervisor's office, Sula Ranger District, and several nursing homes and businesses, singing Christmas carols. Participation is entirely volunteer and on the students' own time.

The caroling group is shown here with their music director Ruth Decker, as they visited the Regional Office.



Regional Office

This year the Recreation, Wilderness and Lands staff group in the R.O. participated in the Salvation Army's Christmas Adopt-a-Family program. The group responded very generously to the program by donating \$208 for purchasing toys, clothes and food for a Christmas dinner for the family. Employees Scott Bixler and Carol Maier from RnWL, and Jan Bixler from the Missoula Fire Sciences Lab are commended for organizing the project, buying and wrapping gifts, and delivering them.

The program works this way: the Salvation Army first supplies a questionnaire to the donors asking preference of family size, children's ages, and method of purchase and delivery of gifts. Then, when a family is selected, the Salvation Army provides first names of family members, ages of the children, and clothing sizes so appropriate gifts can be purchased. Anyone interested in adopting a family next Christmas can contact Richard Moraskie of the Salvation Army at 549-0710.

A Helping Hand From Our Partners

Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests

Travelers of backcountry trails in north-central Idaho may have a more pleasant trip next time, thanks to the efforts of the local chapter of Backcountry Horsemen (BCH). About 114 members volunteered 1,087 hours of work for the Clearwater and Nez Perce NFs in 1989. They built 1 1/2 miles of new trail, improved 5 miles of existing trails, constructed 2 trail bridges, and removed 23 mule loads of metal bridge girders and other debris.

BCH groups promote the responsible use of backcountry areas. Since the North Central Idaho chapter was formed three years ago, it has completed numerous wilderness cleanup, trail construction, and trail maintenance projects for the Forest Service.

Helena National Forest

The Last Chance Backcountry Horsemen have been very active on the Helena NF. They constructed a 15-foot bridge, hitchrails and an unloading ramp in the Elkhorn Mountains of

Helena Ranger District last summer. Resource Assistant Chuck Neal said "the Helena District is trying to improve recreation opportunities in the Elkhorn Mountain Range, and this group volunteered to roll up their sleeves and help us." He said their volunteer services are a perfect example of the cooperation resulting from the emphasis on Recreation Strategy and partnerships.

Nez Perce National Forest

Thanks to Grangeville Boy Scout Troop 768, the Fish Creek Meadows cross-country ski trail on the Nez Perce NF has a new bridge. Scouts worked evenings and weekends last October to construct the bridge over a bog, replacing a rotten log corduroy unsuitable for year-round use. Supported by railroad ties, the new 8-foot wide, 75-foot long bridge will provide a safe crossing year-round for skiers, hikers, and mountain bikers. The Scouts' efforts saved the government about \$500.

Fenn Ranger Station Gearing up for 50th

Fenn Ranger Station is planning a special celebration for the station's 50th birthday anniversary. The station, an outstanding example of craftsmanship, was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the late '30's. The event will take place at the station on June 30, 1990, rather than the originally advertised date of June 28. It's an all-day affair (9:00 - 4:00) with activities planned for the evening as well. Visitors can expect displays, demonstrations of skills seldom seen these days, tours, speakers, keepsakes for sale, and more. T-shirts are for sale now for \$8.00.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help in any way can contact the Nez Perce NF office in Grangeville (208) 983-1950 or Selway Ranger District, Kooskia (208) 926-4258.

A TPIA Winner on the Flathead NF

The General Federation of Womens' Clubs -- Century Chapter was named one of Montana's winners in the Take Pride in America campaign for their tree planting efforts last summer on Hungry Horse District. Their project is eligible for the national award to be announced in the spring of 1990.

SAF to Meet in Bozeman

The Society of American Foresters will hold their annual State meeting for Montana in Bozeman, March 23 and 24, at the GranTree Inn. The theme of the meeting is "Images of Resource Managers: the Public, Professional Interface." The focus for March 23 will be looking at resource managers through the eyes of others; on March 24, conflict resolution will be the primary topic. Anyone may attend, whether or not a member of SAF. For more information contact D.J. Bakken (406) 444-3633.

Employees Honored

by Lorraine Parrish, Public Affairs Specialist



L. to R.: Judy Crowder, Sally Hoskinson, and Donna Sheehy.

For the past few years, Helena NF has recognized a special employee each month for professional excellence, as well as for the positive effect these employees have in the workplace.

Judy Crowder, computer clerk on Helena District, was employee of the month for October, 1989. Judy was selected from a list of 19 nominees for her cheerfulness and willingness to pitch in to help wherever needed.

Sally Hoskinson, resource clerk in the supervisor's office, was selected in November. Though only employed for a few months on the Forest, Sally was chosen because "she is a cheerful, friendly ray of sunshine who is always willing to go the extra mile in helping those around her."

Donna Sheehy, civil engineer in the supervisor's office, was December's honoree. Donna "gives freely of her time and talents to help others, be they co-workers or strangers, with equal compassion and tact."

Congratulations to these three individuals for boosting the quality of work-life on the Helena NF!

Retirements

Ron Hendrickson, regional fire coordinator, retired in December after 30 years with the Forest Service. He worked for Missoula Ranger District and the Lolo NF Supervisor's Office from 1953 to 1973. He was promoted to assistant regional fire coordinator in 1974, and to regional fire coordinator in 1980.

Earl Reinsel, Jr., forest planner in the Regional Office, retired in December after 34 years of Federal service. After a number of field assignments, Reinsel was promoted to district ranger for Kelly Creek District, Clearwater NF. In 1973 he transferred to the planning staff in the Regional Office.

Tom Blunn, district ranger for Pierce District, Clearwater NF, for nearly 20 years, retired December 31 after 31 years of Federal service. Blunn worked on a number of Forests in the early years of his career, including assignments on the Custer, Lolo, Coeur d'Alene, and Colville NFs.

Roger Helms, budget analyst at the Regional Office for the past 6 years, retired in December after 33 years with the Forest Service. He worked on the Kootenai, Flathead, Lewis and Clark, Nez Perce, Helena and Gallatin NFs before moving to the Regional Office as manpower specialist in 1977.

Jim Brotnov, maintenance worker on Selway District, Nez Perce NF, retired December 30 after 25 years of government service. Brotnov was a lookout, packer and trail foreman for Selway District early in his career, then worked for the logging industry for 19 years, and returned to the Forest Service in 1967 as maintenance worker for Cedar Flats Job Corps Center at Kooskia. In 1974 he transferred back to Selway District.

John Smith, forestry technician for Selway District for nearly 18 years, retired in December. Smith had served in many functions on the District, including fire, recreation, and, during the last six years, reforestation. Prior to joining the Forest Service, Smith was self-employed.

Robert Banner, range technician for Sula District on the Bitterroot NF, retired December 30, after working for over 20 years for the Federal government. Banner worked on the Sawtooth NF in Idaho before moving to Sula District in 1969, where he worked primarily in range and recreation.

Norm Davis, soil scientist in the Bitterroot NF supervisor's office, retired December 30, after almost 35 years with the Federal government. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service before transferring to the Forest Service in 1969 as soil scientist at the Regional Office. He transferred to the Bitterroot NF in 1974.

Wilma Finlayson, support services specialist at West Fork District, Bitterroot NF, retired December 30 with nearly 23 years of service to the Federal government. She also had assignments on the Sawtooth and Humboldt NFs. She returned to West Fork District in 1985.

Clarence (Lee) Mattson retired December 30 from his civil engineering technician position in the Bitterroot NF supervisor's office after more than 35 years of Federal service. He began his career on the Targhee NF in Idaho, transferring to the Bitterroot NF in 1953.

Clair (Buck) Varner, forestry technician at West Fork District, retired December 29 with over 29 years of Federal service. Varner began working for the Bitterroot NF in 1960, transferred to Trapper Creek Job Corps Center in 1965, and returned to West Fork District in 1972.

Personnel Actions

BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

BLEVINS, PAM, business mgmt clk, Sheridan RD, reinstatement career
FLANDERS, ED, commun spec, reassignment, R3 RO, Beaverhead SO

BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST

AVANTS, WAYNE, dstrct rnger, Sula RD, reassgnmnt, supvry forstr, SO
BANNER, BOB, range techncn, Sula RD, retirement
BYRNE, DEAN, district ranger, West Fork RD, retirement
DAVIS, NORM, soil scntst, SO, retirement
DUKELOW, DON, engrg equip opertr, SO, retirement
FINLAYSON, WILMA, suprt svcs speclst, West Fork RD,
cash award and retirement
FRIEDMAN, LAURIE, soc svcs asst, Trapper Creek JCCC, resigned
GARTHWAIT, GARY, supvry civil engr, Lolo NF, temp promot, SO
JOYNER, CALVIN, supvry hydlrgst, R-6, Willamette NF, Lowell RD,
promotion, district ranger, Stevensville RD
LOVITT, PAULINE, pers clk, SO, temporary promotion, secretary
MATTSON, LEE, civil engrg techncn, SO, retirement
MENA EVANS, RAMONA, res clk, West Fork RD, cash award and
temporary promotion, suprt svcs speclst
NASH, KAREN, compr asst, R-2, Arapaho and Roosevelt NF,
reassignment, compr asst, SO
NIELSEN, ROD, cook frmn, Trapper Creek JCCC, reasn, work prog offcr
PRICE, JEANNETTE, bdgt & acctg offcr, Lolo NF, tmp prom,
adm offcr, SO
VARNER, BUCK, frstry techncn, West Fork RD, cash award, retirement
WINCHELL, MARLENE, pers mgmt speclst, SO reassignment,
IPHNF's SO

CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST

BALL, EILEEN, fin asst, Palouse RD, cash award
BONNEY, BYRON, frstr tech, Supervisor's Office, qual step increase
CURTIS, RANDALL, supv civ eng tech, Supervisor's Office, cash award
GOBER, DOUGLAS, supv civ eng, Supervisor's Office, cash award
HALL, FRANCES, clk typ, Supervisor's Office, qual step increase
HOYT, STEWART, frstr tech, White Mountain NF, R-9, promot frstr,
Powell RD
JOHNSON, HENRY, frstr tech, Palouse RD, cash award
KEYES, THOMAS, civ eng, Supervisor's Office, cash award
KNOTT, DEBORAH, frstr tech, Palouse RD, cash award
KUBAL, ROBIN, career cond appt, clk typ, Pierce RD
MCVEIGH, MIKE, frstr tech, Powell RD, lateral frstr tech, Flathead NF
MEEK, JUDY (RUSTY), res asst, Palouse RD, cash award
PETERSON, MICHAEL, frstr tech, Palouse RD, cash award
PRESBY, RICHARD, frstr, Palouse RD, cash award
STUBBS, JULIE, computer clk, Palouse RD, cash award
TREGELLAS, LARRY, Tongass NF, R-10, lateral civ eng tech, SO
TREJO, JEFF, frstr, Pierce RD, promotion to frstr, Mount Hood NF, R-6
WILLEY, EDWARD, frstr tech, Lochsa RD, cash award

CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

ALT, THOMAS, forestry tech, Beartooth RD, award
AUGARE, JUDY, forestry tech, Sioux RD, reassignment
BENSON, KATHY, contract spec, SO, promotion Malstrom AFB
BISHOP, NORMAN, forestry tech, Medora RD, award
BUSH, RONALD, forester, Medora RD, award
DILULO, BLASE, forestry tech, Beartooth RD, award
EMLY, VIRGINIA, range con, McKenzie RD, award
FISHER, GREG, forestry aid, Beartooth RD, award
GRINDE, PETER, range con, McKenzie RD, award
HOGAN, DANIEL, forestry tech, Beartooth RD, award
KNUTSON, JESS ANN, range tech, McKenzie RD, award
KRIMMER, WALTER, forestry tech, Beartooth RD, award
MATOZEVICH, MICHAEL, supvry forester, McKenzie RD, award
MORRISON, SALVADORE, forestry aid, Beartooth RD, award
NORDSVEN, ELMER, forestry tech, McKenzie RD, award
OLSON, TERRY, forestry tech, Ashland RD, cc appt
PHILLIPE, GARY, range con, McKenzie RD, award
PRIEVE, STEVEN, forester, Medora RD, award
RINTALA, LARRY, maintenance worker, Beartooth RD, award
STUDER, STEVEN, forestry tech, Beartooth RD, award
THOMPSON, BEVERLY, sss, Sheyenne RD, award
TOMAC, JEFFREY, range aid, Grand River RD, award
TOPIC, ROBERT, computer spec, SO, award
WESSMAN, EDWIN, forester/wildlife bio, Medora RD, award

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

GUGGER, KAY, business mgmt asst, Bozeman RD promotion
BUHL, NORM, eng tech, SO, promotion
CLARK, STEVEN, frstr, reassignment, Lolo NF, zone timber
MARX, BARB, SO, employee of the month
STEWART, RALPH, intrdsc, reassign, Wallowa-Whitman NF,
Livingston RD

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

CAMPBELL, DARCY, clerk typist, SO promotion
LAVELL, JEAN, wildlife bio, Helena RD, reassignment Townsend RD
LEITH, JEAN, sss, Townsend RD, reassignment Gallatin NF
ORENS, LAURA, budget acctg analyst, SO, reassignment Tahoe NF
PAYNE, DAVID, rec frstr, Helena RD, award
RUDOLF, SUZANN, clerk typist, SO, cc appt
SHEEHY, DONNA, civil eng, SO, promotion RO
THOMAS, JEAN, hydrologist, SO, reassignment Arapho/Roosevelt NF
TURNER, DAVID, minerals tech, Helena RD, award

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

BROWN, CATHY, pers asst, R6, promotion, sss, St. Maries RD
DEITZ, JANICE, resour clk, Fernan RD, reinstatement
FOSTER, DEBORAH, clk, career cond appt, clk typ, SO
HOLMAN, MICHELLE, frstr, promotion, Priest Lake RD
HOOPER, SHIRLEY, recep, Avery RD, reassign, pers clk, SO
LAY, THOMAS, frstry tech, Avery RD, QSI
LUX, DAVID, frstr, Avery RD, QSI
MACDONALD, LAURENE, resour clk, reassign, Fernan RD
MAFFERY, JAMES, purch agnt, SO, QSI
ROTH, TERRY, civ eng tech, promotion, Bonners Ferry RD
SMITH, FLORENCE, resour clk, Sandpoint, reassign, SO
STEPHENSON, WENDY, clk typ, BLM, trnsfr, c-c appt, purch agnt, SO
STOCK, JOYCE, supvry frstr, promotion, Wallace RD
VANGUNDY, TERESA, clk typ, promotion, recep, Sandpoint

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

ANDERSON, MICHELLE, cc appt, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD
BECKMAN, BOB, forstr, R6, Malheur NF, reassign, Fortine RD
BECKMAN, PATRICIA, frstry tech, R6, Malheur NF, reassign, Fortine RD
BOYER, STEVE, survyg tech, SO, ES, promotion, land survyr
CHERRY, SHERRIL, comp asst, SO, ES, spec act
CLARK, EMOGENE, res clk, Rexford RD, grp spec act
CUMMINGS, JUDY, res tech, Three Rivers RD, spec act
DAVIDSON, TAMRA, carto tech, SO, ES, promotion
DESY, TOM, cc appt, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD
DESY, TOM, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, spec act
DIMON, PAULETTE, res tech, Rexford RD, grp spec act
DUNHAM, JOLEEN, forstr, R10, Tongass NF, reassign, Fortine RD
EATON, WENDY, purch agnt, Rexford RD, spec act
EMERY, PHILIP, frstr, Rexford RD, grp spec act
ENBERG, MATT, frstry tec, Three Rivers RD, spec act
EVANS, JAMES, frstry tec, Three Rivers RD, spec act
GAUGER, DELLORA, info tech, Rexford RD, emp sugg
GOSS, C. JOYCE, ad ofc, Three Rivers RD, spec act
GULDSETH, KARLA, frst aid, Three Rivers RD, spec act
HELMRICK, DAVE, forstr, Three Rivers RD, promotion
HELMRICK, DAVE, forstr, Three Rivers RD, spec act
HOLDER, BETTY, frstry tec, Rexford RD, grp spec act
KIDD, SANDRA, pers mgmt spec, SO, AS, sus sup perf
KINCHELOE, THOMAS, frstr, Rexford RD, grp spec act
LAFORD, RETA, frstr, Rexford RD, grp spec act
LANE, ALAN, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, spec act
LATHAM, PENNY, frst tech, Three Rivers RD, spec act
LUNDIN, ALLISON, frst tech, Three Rivers RD, spec act
MARKOW, STUART, bio aid, Three Rivers RD, spec act
MARTIN, STEVEN, frstr, Rexford RD, grp spec act
MCCREA, ROBERT, frstry tech, Lolo NF, reassign Three Rivers RD
MELLEM, M JANE, supv res spec, SO, AS, sus sup perf
MILLER, DEBORAH, exc cond appt, pers clk, SO, AS
NEWTON, ANGELA, st tr inf recpt, NSSC, promotion
NICHOLS, VIRGINIA, supv bud & acctg anal, SO, AS, sus sup perf
NISHEK, DOUG, frstry tec, Three Rivers RD, spec act
NORRY, SHAWNA, frst aid, Three Rivers RD, spec act
PALIGA, JOYCE, proc clk, SO, AS, sus sup perf
PARSONS, PAUL, cet, E Zone, reassign, frstry tech
PERRY, PATRICIA, inf recpt, NSSC, promotion, bus mgmt clk
PERRY, PATRICIA, inf recpt, Rexford RD, spec act
PERSHALL, GLENN, frst tech, Rexford RD, grp spec act
PFEIFER, WILLIAM, contr spec, SO, AS, sus sup perf
RIGHTER, MARY, comp asst, SO, AS, sus sup perf
ROBBINS, GERALD, frst tech, Cabinet RD, sus sup perf
SANDALL, JAMES, frst tech, Three Rivers RD, spec act
SHIRA, MICHAEL, ld frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, prmtion, forstr
SLAVEN, SHAUNA, forstr tech, Three Rivers RD, spec act
STEWART, ELLERY, frstry tech, Rexford RD, promotion
TANGEN, TERRIE, pers asst, SO, AS, sus sup perf
THOMPSON, DANIEL, forstr, R6, Colville NF, promotion
oprs res analyst, SO, PS
TINCHER, JANET, clk typst, Rexford RD, spec act
VANALSTINE, BARB, frst tech, Three Rivers RD, spec act
WOODGER, W. CRAIG, frst tec, Rexford RD, gr spec act
YOUNG, DANIEL, wldf biolgst, Rexford RD, spec act

Personnel Actions

LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL FOREST

BLOMQUIST, DEAN, forester, Musselshell RD, promotion
 BUTTS, WAYNE, range conservationist, Musselshell RD, cash award
 CAVANAUGH, MICHELLE, stud tr (acctg), resignation
 DENNIS, DIANE, accounting tech, SO promotion to financial asst, SO
 FORREST, WILLIAM, forestry tech, Rocky Mountain RD, cash award
 KING, CAROL, forestry tech, Augusta Information Station, cash award
 LAJOIE, EVERETT, contr spec, Gallatin NF, reassign to contr spec, SO
 MARCERON, THERESA, forester, SO, promotion
 MARTIN, RAY, forestry tech, Musselshell RD, cash award
 PHILLIPS, WAYNE, ecologist, SO, cash award
 ROBERTS, BARBARA, stud tr (acctg), SO, conv cc appt, cvl eng tech, SO
 SANDIFER, P. KEITH, supv glgst, SO, temp promot Supv Forester, SO
 YATES, RONALD, landscape arch, Lolo NF, reassignment to SO

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

ARNOLD, DEWEY, promo civ eng tech, supv frstr, Plains/TFalls RD
 BOLLER, AUDREY, reinstate procur clk, Lolo SO, cont and procur
 BRINGENBERG, PAT, clk/typ Superior RD, promo spp srv spv,
 Ninemile RD
 BROWDER, DAVE, temp, Missoula RD, appt oper res analyst, Lolo SO
 BULLOCK, JERRIE, supp serv supv, Ninemile RD, promo admin offr,
 Ninemile RD
 CASTALDI, BRIAN, frstr tech, Lolo SO, duty sta, Superior RD,
 promo crim invest, Lolo SO
 CHAVE, CAT, comp asst, Seeley Lake RD, cash award
 CHILDRESS, MARCUS, res asst, Moose Creek RD, Nez Perce NF, reassign
 res asst, Plains/TFalls RD
 CLEVELAND, CHERI, frstr, Malheur NF, reassign frstr, Lolo NF,
 Superior RD
 CRAWFORD, BRUCE, real spclst, Lolo SO, resignation
 EKSTROM, MARK, c-c perm seas appt, lead frstr tech, Missoula RD
 ERICKSON, BRUCE, frstr tech, Superior RD, reassign frstr (silv)
 Superior RD
 FRANK, EMILY, payroll clk, Missoula RD, cash award
 GARCIA, BRUCE, frstr tech, Superior RD, cash award
 GREEN, SANDRA, temp, Superior RD, car cond appt clk/typ, Superior RD
 HAMILTON, JOHN, frstr tech, Plains/TFalls RD, cash award
 HELLEN, JOAN, coop-ed appt, stud trne, Indscape arch,
 Lolo SO Res Prog
 HENDERSON, LINDA, car cond perm seas appt lead frstr tech,
 Plains/TFalls RD
 HOVERSON, BOB, frstr, Ninemile RD, cash award
 IPPISCH, JIM, maintenance wrkr, Superior RD, retire
 JOHNSON, BRUCE, frstr, Missoula RD, cash award
 JOHNSON, DENNIS, marketing spclst, Lolo SO, cash award
 JOHNSON, JANET, asst dist ranger, Beaverhead NF, reassign range
 conserv, Lolo SO, res prog
 JONES, FRED, frstr, Plains/TFalls RD, reassign frstr, Hebgen Lake RD,
 Gallatin NF
 KARKANEN, STEVE, temp, Seeley Lake RD, career-cond perm seas appt,
 Seeley Lake RD
 KIPPHUT, JOE, frstr, Missoula RD, cash award
 KIRCHNER, LEROY, frstr tech, Ninemile RD, retire
 KLIPPENSTEIN, DEBBIE, info asst, Missoula RD, cash award
 KROEGER, ANNE, frstr tech, Superior RD, cash award
 LABBE, JIM, crim invest, Lolo SO, retire
 LAW, ERIN, career-cond perm seas appt, lead frstr tech, Missoula RD
 LOVITT, JENNY, career-cond appt to payroll clk, Missoula RD
 LUNDBERG, ERNIE, frstr tech, Seeley Lake RD, reassign frstr tech,
 Libby RD, Kootenai NF
 MALONE, DENIS, supv frstr tech, Seeley Lake RD, cash award
 MATHEWS, STEVE, frstr tech, Superior RD, cash award

MC CREA, BOB, frstr tech, Plains/TFalls RD, reassign frstr tech
 (timber prep), Three Rivers RD, Kootenai NF
 MILLER, JERALD, frstr tech, Seeley Lake RD, cash award
 MITCHELL, BECKY, temp, c-c appt payroll clk, Lolo SO, personnel
 NEEL, TIM, lead frstr tech, Missoula RD, cash award
 NINEMILE WILDLIFE GROUP (VIC RONCK, ANNE ZIMMERMAN,
 LARRY JOHNSON, SHARON DOLEZAL, & SUE THOLEN), cash award
 OWENS, FRANK, frstr tech, Plains/TFalls RD, cash award
 SHEELY, CRAIG, frstr, Seeley Lake RD, cash award
 SHEELY, CRAIG, frstr, Seeley Lake RD, promo frstr,
 Flaming Gorge RD, Ashley NF, R-4
 SIGSBY, TONY, frstr tech, Superior RD, cash award
 SMITH, ELAINE, career-cond appt to Superior RD
 SMITH, JAY, frstr tech, Superior RD, retire
 STALEY, KANDITH, frstr tech, Plains/TFalls RD, promo
 SUPERIOR RD GROUP (TODD JACOBSON, WELLS WORLEY,
 CLARK CONROW, C.D. SCHROEDER, JOHN MONZIE, DAVE MORGAN,
 DAVE ARMSTRONG), cash award
 STYLE, TRACI, Deerlodge NF (coop-ed appt) reassign Lolo SO
 THOMPSON, STEVE, frstr tech, Seeley Lake RD, cash award
 WAGNER, BRIAN, frstr tech, Missoula RD, cash award
 WHITE, REBECCA, c-c perm seas appt lead frstr tech, Missoula RD
 WILKINSON, RICHARD, civ eng tech, Superior RD, cash award
 WILLIAMS, WAYNE, smokejumper, AFD, cash award
 WINTERROWD, BART, frstr tech, Superior RD, cash award
 YATES, RON, landscp arch, Lolo SO, reassign landscp arch,
 Lewis & Clerk NF, SO
 YELCZYN, BEVERLY, frstr (timber), Tiller RD, Umpqua NF, R-6,
 reassign to frstr (timber), Seeley Lake RD
 ZIMMERMANN, ANNE, frstr, Ninemile RD, promo frstr (admin),
 Seeley Lake RD

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BABLER, STEVEN, wildl biol, Red River RD, promotion
 BAER, WILLIAM, fish biol, Elk City RD, promotion
 DESSER, ROCHELLE, frstr tech, Clearwater RD, cash award
 GREEN, DAVID, computer prog, SO, reassignment
 HOOPER, KIM, resour clk, SO, cash award
 LEIDENFROST, KAREN, resour clk, Red River RD, cash award
 MILLER, CATHERINE, resour clk, Elk City RD, cash award, promot
 MURPHY, ELAYNE, pub affairs spec, SO, reassignment
 STEPHENSON, JENNIFER, procur clk, SO, cash award
 SWEENEY, CARRIE, frstr, Elk City RD, promotion
 THOMAS, JOY, computer asst, Elk City RD, cash award
 WAGNER, KARINE, purch agnt, Red River RD, cash award
 WINKLER, GREGG, frstr tech, Clearwater RD, promotion
 WOODS, LINDA, supv contractg spec, SO, cash award

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- Articles should feature Forest Service employees and retirees involved in Forest Service activities and projects.

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In Memoriam

Clarence Westcott, former electronics technician on the Flathead and Lolo NFs, and the Regional Office in Missoula, died December 12 in Missoula at age 84.

A.T. "Bill" Lindsey, longtime Troy resident and employee of the Kootenai NF, died December 17 in Boise, at the age of 80. He retired from the Forest Service in 1962.

Robert Feilzer, employee of the Bitterroot NF from 1966 to 1979 died of a stroke January 12, at Kalispell. He was 58.

Region Recognizes Black History Month

by Jacqueline Myers, Regional Federal Women's Program Manager

He is known by many as the father of Black history. More than any other individual, Carter Godwin Woodson was responsible for bringing to light the contributions Blacks have made in science, art, music, literature and education.

Woodson devoted his life to educating Black Americans about their history and culture. He wrote more than 100 articles and 125 book reviews for the *Journal of Negro History*, a scholarly publication he started in 1916. He also founded the Association of the Study of Negro Life and History, which was the first organization created to simulate original research on Black history.

He believed the roots of racism were buried in ignorance. His research high-



*Carter Godwin Woodson
1875 - 1950*

lighted Black contributions to modern society that formerly had been ignored, distorted or misunderstood.

Woodson was responsible for creating an annual celebration of Black achievement called, "Negro History Week." Today, as a result of his efforts, Black History Month is commemorated nationwide to highlight Black contributions to society.

Black Americans are being featured during February in the "Black Presence" exhibit in the Regional Office. This exhibit focuses on 10 individuals in the areas of history, business, literature, inventions, the military, folklore, music, arts and sports, who have made, or are making, significant contributions toward the successful development of our country.

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